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§55a.101 Definitions.

Act, as used in this part, means the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, as amended (30 U.S.C. 801 et seq.).

Secretary means the Secretary of Health and Human Services and any other officer or empolyee of the Department of Health and Human Services to whom the authority involved has been delegated.

Miner or coal miner means any individual who works or has worked in or around a coal mine or coal preparation facility in the extraction or preparation of coal. The term also includes an individual who works or has worked in coal mine construction or transportation in or around a coal mine, to the extent that the individual was exposed to coal dust as a result of employment.

§ 55a.102 Who is eligible to apply for a Black Lung clinics grant?

Any State or public or private entity may apply for a grant under this part.

§ 55a.103 What criteria has HHS established for deciding which grant application to fund?

(a) The Secretary will give preference to a State, which meets the requirements of this part and applies for a grant under this part, over other applicants in that State.

(b) Within the limits of funds available for these purposes the Secretary may award grants to assist in the carrying out of those programs which will in the Secretary's judgment best promote the purposes of section 427(a) of the Act, taking into account;

(1) The number of miners to be served and their needs; and

(2) The quality and breadth of services to be provided.

§ 55a.104 What confidentiality requirements must be met?

All information as to personal facts and circumstances obtained by the grantee's staff about recipients of services shall be held confidential and shall not be disclosed without the individual's consent except as may be required by law or as may be necessary to provide service to the individual or to provide for audits with appropriate safeguards for confidentiality of patient records. Otherwise, information may be disclosed only in summary, statistical, or other form which does not identify particular individuals.

§ 55a.105 How must grantees carrry out their projects?

Grantees must carry out their projects in accordance with their applications and the provisions of this part.

§ 55a.106 Provision for waiver by the Secretary.

The Secretary may, for good cause shown, waive provisions of these regulations.

$\$\,55a.107$ What other regulations apply?

Other regulations which apply to the Black Lung Clinics Program include, but are not limited to, the following: